

REMARKS

Responsive to the Official Action mailed April May 31, 2006, comprising a requirement of restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121, applicant provisionally elects for further prosecution on the merits the invention identified by the examiner as **Group I** (ie., corresponding to **claims 1-9** and **12-18** as original or previously presented).

This election is made without traverse.

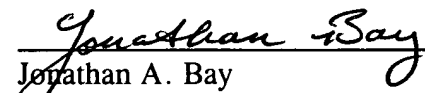
Please cancel non-elected claims (ie., corresponding to **claims 10-11** and **19-20**), without prejudice to their presentation in a divisional.

This Response is accompanied by a petition for extension and the required fee.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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